AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing transmitter in an (OFDM) communication device, comprising:

a time multiplexor;

<u>a synchronization signal generator operatively connected to the time</u> <u>multiplexer; and</u>

a data supplier operatively connected to the time multiplexor, for synchronizing a transmitter and a receiver with a synchronization preamble, wherein a zero amplitude reduced preamble signal, which is obtained by passing a specified synchronization preamble through an ideal low-pass filter in the synchronization signal generator to reduce a signal component to near zero amplitude within a time domain, is time-multiplexed in the time multiplexor with transmit data received from the data supplier to generate an OFDM transmit signal.

- 2. (currently amended) The transmitter in the OFDM communication device according to claim 1, wherein said ideal low-pass filter comprises an FFT section for subjecting an input signal to <u>a</u> fast Fourier transform (FFT) and a zero substitution section for providing zero substitution for FFT section output components having a frequency higher than specified.
- 3. (currently amended) The transmitter in the OFDM communication device according to claim 2, wherein said ideal low-pass filter comprises a table that stores values obtained when input signals pass through said ideal low-pass filter in accordance with the values of the input signals.
- 4. (currently amended) The transmitter in the OFDM communication device according to claim 1, wherein said ideal low-pass filter comprises a table that stores values obtained when input signals pass through said ideal low-pass filter in accordance with the values of the input signals.

5 - 6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended): An <u>orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM)</u> communication device for synchronizing a transmitter and a receiver with a synchronization preamble, comprising:

a transmitter for obtaining a zero amplitude reduced preamble signal by passing a <u>first</u> specified synchronization preamble through an ideal low-pass filter to reduce a signal component <u>to</u> near zero amplitude within a time domain, and generating an OFDM transmit signal by time-multiplexing the obtained zero amplitude reduced preamble signal with transmit data; and

a receiver having a synchronization timing detector_calculator for determining athe cross correlation between a received signal and a second specified synchronization preamble, which is patterned the same as the first specified synchronization preamblecounterpart in the transmitter section, and detecting-calculating a synchronization position, which is shifted from a peak value position by a specified amount of time, in accordance with the determined cross correlation.

- 8. (original): The OFDM communication device according to claim 7, wherein said ideal low-pass filter comprises an FFT section for subjecting an input signal to fast fourier transform (FFT) and a zero substitution section for providing zero substitution for FFT section output components having a frequency higher than specified.
- 9. (currently amended) The OFDM communication device according to claim 7 er 8, wherein said ideal low-pass filter comprises a table that stores values obtained when input signals pass through said ideal low-pass filter in accordance with the values of the input signals.
- 10. (original) The OFDM communication device according to claim 7, wherein the synchronization position is shifted from a peak position of said cross correlation within said receiver by a specified amount of time.